

✠ The copie of the Proclamatioun set furth be the

Kingis Maiestie and his Counsaill, for ane Conuentioun of the Professouris of the trew Religioun within this Realme, to consult and deliberate vpon the imminent dangeris and Conspiracies of the Papistis.



IN THE name of the grace of God King of Scottis, To our louitis Messingeris our Schireffis in that part coniunctlie and seuerallie speciallie constitute, greting, Forsamikle as by supplicatioun it is humble menit to vs & exponit to our richt traist counsling Johne Erle of Mar Lord Erskin, Regent to vs our Realme and liegis, & Lordis of our prinie counsaill, be the Barrounis, Gentilmen, and vtheris Professouris of Christis Euangell presentlie conuenit in our Burgh of Edinburgh, that in respect of the greit murtheris and mair than beikly crueltie vsit & put in executioun in diueris partis in Europ aganis the trew Christians within the samine, proceeding na dout out of that unhappie, diuillische, and tirribill counsaill of Trent, and pretendit not only to be execute in forane countreies quhair outhir thair power or tressoun may auail, bot also Intendit to be prosecute & follow it furth with the lyke or greiter crueltie (gif it war possibill) aganis the trew Christians heir in this our Realme of Scotland, and ouer all quhair ellis quhair euer Christis Euangell is sincerely professit, Maist humbly requyring the appeiring danger to be foirsene and prouidit for, willinglie offering thame selfis and all that thay haue to the furtherance of the same, Quhair throw the wickit Interpretis and deupis of the malicious and bludy Papistis, and Children of the world, quhilkis in thair kynd ar mair besie and subtil noz the children of God, may be with Goddis help preuentit and resistit: Our said Counsling and Regent, and Lordis of our preuie Counsaill foirsaid, considering the equitie and necessitie of the said supplicatioun, hes ordanit this our letteris to be direct in maner following. Our will is heirfor, and we charge zow straitlie and commandis, that in continent thir our letteris sene ze pas in our name and authoritie command and charge all and sundrie our liegis and subiectis, professouris of Christis Euangell of all the reformat Kirkis within this our Realme, be opin Proclamatioun at the mercat Croces of the heid Burrowis of our said Realme, in the Paroche Kirkis and vther places neidfull, That thay and euerie particulare Kirk be thame self send and direct their Commissionaris sufficientlie authorisit, ane or ma accordyng to the qualitie and quantitie of y persounis & rowme, to our Burgh of Edinburgh or quhair our said Regent sall be for the tyme the twentieth day of October Instant, to consult, aduise, and deliberate vpon sic materis auenturis as may be proponit to our said Regent and Lordis of our preuie counsaill foirsaid, tending to the preuenting, resistyng, and mutuall defence of the professouris of Christis Euangell within this our Realme, fra the furious rage and lawles crueltie of the bludy and tressonabill Papistis, executoris of the Decreis of the said deuillische and terrible counsaill of Trent, and in sic thingis farther anance Goddis glorie and trew Religioun foirsaid, Is euerie Reformat Kirk will thairby declair thair ernist and Christiane affectioun to the same, in sa present danger and commoun perrell.

Grant and allwa be thir presentis full libertie, licence, protectioun, & assurance to all Commissionaris of Kirkis, quhair euer thay dwell in ony partis of this our Realme, howsauer in tyme bygan they haue bene to our authoritie, that thay may saifly and frely hant, resort, and cum to the day and place aboue appointit, and thair remane during the tyme of Conuentioun to be keptit for this purpos, quhair allwa they salbe admitted to haue free speiche & voic, and to retorne at thair pleasure to thair dwelling place without stop, troubill, or Impediment to be maid to thame in bodypis or gudis for the space of twentie dayis, efter the said twentieth day of October including allwa the tyme of thair trauell grantit to thame. Certifying all sic as sall requyre particulare licence & assurance for this effect, that vpon thair desyre the same salbe grantit to thame. Comanding all our Officiaris, liegis & subiectis, that nane of thame tak vpon hand to violat this present licence, protectioun, and assurance vnder all hiest pane, charge, and offencis that thay and ilk ane of thame may commit and inrin aganis our Maiestie in that part, as ze will answer to vs thairupon. The quhilk to do we commit our full power, be thir our letteris delyueryng thame Indorsat agane. Geuin vnder our Signet at Edinburgh the third day of October, the sext zeir of our regne.

¶ The aduertisment to the faithfull.

That euery ane may vnderstand the grund of the bludie and tressonabill Interpretis of the Papistes quhairinto thay intend to continew and to execute the same with maist barbarous crueltie, heir ze haue subiumit the summe of the heidis and articklis of the consideracie, or rather the deuillische conspiracie maid efter the counsaill of Trent, in contrair the trew professouris of the Euangell of Iesus Christ. The Lord of his mercy grant vs trewly penitent hartis, that we amending our lyues, and vprichly walking in the wayis of our God, he may turne his michtie hand to confound our enemies, and to delyuer his Kirk from thair cruell and merceles rage.

¶ The breif extract of the Articklis of the secret contract betuix the Pape, the Emperour, the Kingis of Hispanze and Portugall, the Dukis of Bauar. &c. and vthers thair confederatis, into the quhilk contract thay haue socht meanis to draw vnto thame the King of France, quha hes alreddy consentit thairto.

1. I prumis all Lutherianis, Caluenistis and Hugonistis, quhilk be aganis the Kirk of Rome salbe ruit out.
2. When the said Contract salbe put to executioun and accomplischt, than the saidis confederatis with ane consent sall gang aganis the Turkis.
3. The Intentioun of the Emperour is sic, that he will put from the Emperie, the Hallsgrane and Duke August of Saxe, and that at the sitting downe the first meeting day, quhilk salbe at Wormes, suddanely or thay be warnit thairof, and in thair places salbe put, the Emperouris twabryther, the Archiduke Ferdinand and Duke Charles.
4. First the gudis of the disobedient Lordis and Potestantis, quhilkis will not consent to be comprehendit in this contract salbe confiscate & sauld be the saidis confederatis. the samme salbe socht be the Emperouris power, beginning at Wormes and sa furth to be execute in all otheris placis neidfull.
5. All weilwillaris and assistis of the Kirk of Luther and Caluine salbe displacit, banischt, and condemnit to the deith.
6. Be the Pape salbe maid and ordanit ane Patriarch throuchtout all Ducheland, to mak ordinances for the seruice and maintenance of the kirk of Rome.
7. For accomplischtment of the saidis materis, and to the supporting of the saidis charges that sall aryse vpon the samme, the Pape sall gif and pay the ane half of all his Reuenues, and lykwis sall do all the Cardinalis, Archibischoppis, and vtheris Spirituall Pastouris in Ducheland and vtheris countreies to help and maintene the kirk of Rome.
8. Their salbe placit in all vther places round about seruandis of the kirk with spirituall ordinances, and officiaris accordyng to the vse of the kirk of Rome.
9. Euery man salbe halden and comandit to passe to the Messe, and that in pane of excommunicatioun, and correctioun of the body or deith, or at the lest vpon the lose of guides, quhilkis gudis salbe partit and distributit amangis the maist principall and chief Lieutenentis and Capitaneis.
10. The king of Hispanze with all his power and micht promysit to procure and bring to pas ane marriage betuix the king of France and the Emperouris Douchter.
11. Saleis and vtheris townis about the Bordouris salbe delyuerit to the king of Hispanze, and he sall help and assist to the Quene of Scotland, to ressoir hir to hir kingdome, in chassing away the Quene of Ingland, and sall help to destroy all sic as be affectionat or makis claime to the same.
12. The king of Hispanzeis Sone sall haue in Marriage the Emperouris Douchter.
13. The Emperour, the king of Hispanze and the king of France sall in thair proper persounis be present in all sic weiris and exploitis.
14. The Duke of Bauar salbe Lieutenent generall for the Pape, and generall Lieutenent and Capitane for all the spiritualitie in the saidis weiris.
15. The Duke of Bauaris eldest Sone sall haue in Marriage the Duke of Lozanes Douchter.
16. The Duke of Guyle sall haue in Marriage the Douchter of the young Duke of Bauar.
17. The king of France Sister salbe maryit with the king of Portugall, and in case the Duke of Florence deny or refuse to be comprisit in the saidis contractis, he salbe delyuier furth of his landis.
18. The Duchy of Millane salbe randerit and ressoir to the king of France, he sall haue allwa the landis of Corsica.
19. The Genitians sall subiect thame selfis to the said contract, and gif thay refuse to do the samme, than sall the saidis confederatis mak schairp weir aganis thame, and thair Lordschippis and land in Italic salbe geuin fra thame.
20. The Duke Ferrar for the accomplischtment of thir articklis salbe redoy in poist to pas to the frontiers of France quhair as the king and his Mother sall allwa cum norwithstanding that sum of the kingis counsaill sall mak sollicitioun in the contrare, to the effect that it suld tak no place.

¶ The cauleris and Interpretis of this contract ar the Cardinal of Lozane, the Duke of Ferrar, and his brythren, the Cardinal of Bourbon is allwa ane of the practiseris.

¶ O England and Scotland be ware and Joyne togidder in tyme in the feare of God without dissimulation.

¶ God saue the King.

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